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REMARKS

No claims have been amended.

Claims 1 – 14 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 18 – 21 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 15 – 17 are pending herein.

The applicant's attorney conducted a brief telephone interview with the Examiner on May 10, 2005 at 10:00 AM. During that interview the applicant's attorney made the following points to the Examiner:

1. Claims 15 -17 require intermittently stopping of the mechanical abrasion process while the delivery of the chemical polishing slurry remains continuous.
2. The Sahota reference cited by the Examiner does not reveal intermittently stopping of the mechanical abrasion process. Instead the mechanical abrasion of Sahota remains continuous until the wafer is removed.
3. The Sahota reference seems to reveal a decrease in the delivery of the chemical polishing slurry as suggested by the Examiner, however, the Sahota reference does not reveal continuous delivery of the chemical polishing slurry while intermittently stopping the mechanical abrasion process.

As a result of the foregoing, it is believed that the rejection of the pending claims is misplaced and should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

This application is currently in a condition for immediate allowance. Such action is earnestly sought.

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